

Remarks

Reconsideration of the rejection of record is requested in view of the amended claims and Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith.

The Examiner objects to the specification informality on page 5, line 15 which states "1% to 20% of a surfactant coated". Correction is required.

Applicants have corrected the inadvertent error to read "...surfactant coated bleach compound--.

Claims 3, 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 112 and now stand corrected as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, "Laponite" is deleted and replaced by -bentonite--.

The dependency of claim 9 is corrected.

Claim 14 is canceled.


Claims 1-14 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,608,022 and 6,462,007.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the aforementioned double-patenting rejection with regard to U.S. Patent No. 6,608,022 assigned to Colgate-Palmolive Company, the assignee of the subject application.

With regard to U.S. Patent 6,462,002, this patent is not assigned to Colgate-Palmolive Company, and hence, there can be no issue of double-patenting with respect thereto.

In view of the above, the allowance of the pending claims in this application is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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